
ADL Security Recommendations for the High Holidays

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Dear Law Enforcement colleagues,

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is pleased to provide you with the dates on which the Jewish High Holidays will fall this year. These holidays are among the most holy in the Jewish religion and their prayer services are among the most widely attended of all the Jewish holidays of the year. You may wish to draw special attention of patrols to synagogues and Jewish institutions at these times:

- **Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) will begin at sundown on Sunday, September 9 and last until sundown on Tuesday, September 11.**
- **Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) will begin at sundown on Tuesday, September 18 and last until sundown on Wednesday, September 19.**

While Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the most widely attended Jewish holidays of the year, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah, which take place from September 23 to October 2, also may attract a high number of worshippers. It is also worth noting that the traditional huts built outdoors during the festival of Sukkot may be a target for vandalism.

ADL was founded in 1913 to stop anti-Semitism and all forms of hate. ADL works closely with federal, state and local law enforcement across the country to fight hate crimes, extremism, and terrorism, and to protect the Jewish community and all citizens alike.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. We appreciate your efforts and commitment to keeping the community safe.

Sincerely,

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ACTION ALERT: Cambridge City Council Hearing on Israel Boycott - Monday, April 23

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ACTION ALERT: Cambridge City Council Hearing on Israel Boycott - Monday, April 23

On April 23, the Cambridge Massachusetts City Council is expected to consider a resolution that calls for the City "to end its contracts" with Hewlett-Packard (HP) until, according to the organizers, HP "ends their support for violence against and oppression of Palestinians, deportations and surveillance of immigrants in the U.S., and oppression and surveillance of those currently and formerly incarcerated in the U.S."

This initiative is part of a larger global BDS (boycotts, divestment and sanctions) movement that is, in significant part, dedicated to Israel's delegitimization as the Jewish state. Groups backing this resolution have offered other justifications for the HP boycott, but it remains clear that this effort is designed primarily to target and delegitimize Israel.

As of today we have not seen a copy of the resolution. The rules of the Cambridge City Council do not require them to publish the resolution until 3:00 pm on Thursday, April 19. While some members of the Council have seen a draft resolution, the proponent organizers have – we are told – shared it with them on the condition that it not be made public. This seems to us to be a cynical effort to prevent an honest and open public debate prior to a significant action by a public body.

We call upon our community to mobilize and take action.

For both residents and non-residents of Cambridge:

- **Mark your calendar:** Make a commitment to be at Cambridge City Hall on **Monday, April 23 at 5:30 pm** to demonstrate your opposition to this resolution and to testify against it before the City Council. Your presence is important, even if you do not testify.

- **Anyone can testify**; advance online registration is recommended. To receive notification (from us) when the Council's online sign-up is live, and for other updates in the week ahead, write to us at boston@adl.org.
- **Contact your friends** – especially those in Cambridge. Share this alert and ask them to take action as well.

If you are a resident of Cambridge:

- **Contact the City Council** and urge them to reject this effort to single out Israel for demonization. Please communicate to them respectfully but firmly and let them know that as someone who is concerned about the city you live in and its public image, this resolution will have implications beyond Hewlett-Packard and, if adopted, would tarnish the reputation of your city. Tell them:
 - The Cambridge City Council should not abdicate its responsibilities to an interest group whose purpose is to demonize Israel. Any resolution of this kind deserves a full and fair public hearing, including inviting experts and interested parties to weigh in openly before action is taken.
 - Singling out Israel and HP, amongst all the nations, companies, and conflicts in the world, and holding them to a unique ethical standard raises troubling issues about the Cambridge City Council. Thousands of American companies are working overseas and engaged in transactions that can be tied to questionable human rights practices; including numerous companies with Cambridge contacts.
 - It would be one thing if the Cambridge City Council elected to adopt a foreign policy that it applied without prejudice to nations and companies around the world. However, in this instance, the Council is overlooking scores of other situations and electing to support dubious and largely unexamined claims against Israel made by an outside organization.
 - The BDS movement is detrimental to achieving peace. The establishment of a Palestinian state is a goal we share, but will not be realized by extreme and deceptive claims that belie the hard reality on the ground. There are many people of goodwill, who are working to bridge the divide between Israelis and Palestinians. Boycotts, like the one under consideration, undermine these peacemakers, fuel polarization, and strengthen the hands of those who reject co-existence.

Now is the time to make your voice heard.

We cannot underscore how important it is the members of the Cambridge City Council hear from our community about this. Together we can send the message: This action would be wrong for Cambridge and does not advance the prospects for achieving a lasting peace.



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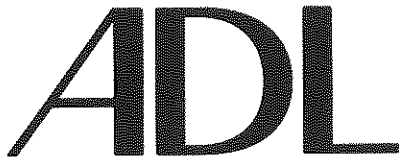
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Are you interested in learning more about ADL's Young Professional Mission to Israel?

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You can also learn more at adl.org/ypisrael.

Questions? Contact [Nora Cohen](#), Assistant Director of Development.



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